(ग) यदि हां, तो इस तरह की खेती से और पत्थर निकाले जाने से हो रहा लाभ किसे मिल रहा है तथा इससे प्रतिवर्ष कितना लाभ अर्जित होता है; और

(घ) क्या वहां चांदमारी का काम बंद होने के कारण उस भूमि के अधिग्रहण के प्रस्ताव पर फिर से विचार किया जायेगा ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (घ) जबलपुर गैरीसन के लिए लघु-शस्त्र गोलाबारी रेंज के वास्ते जबलपुर छावनी के पास स्थित टेमर गांव सहित 366.20 एकड़ भूमि का क्षेत्र 1941 में अधिग्रहीत किया गया था। सन् 1974 में उपर्युक्त भूमि को प्रबंध व्यवस्था का कार्य ग्रेनेडियर रेजिमेंट सेंटर को सौंपा गया था। इस रक्षा भूमि का उपयोग उसी कार्य के लिए किया जा रहा है जिसके लिए यह अधिग्रहीत की गई थी। तथापि, जिस समय इस भूमि का सक्रिय रूप से इस्तेमाल नहीं किया जाता है उस समय इस भूमि का उपयोग "अधिक अन्न उपजाओ" भोजन के अन्तर्गत स्थानीय सैनिकों द्वारा खेती करने के लिए किया जाता है। यहां से कोई पत्थर नहीं निकाले गए हैं।

मौजूदा प्रक्रिया के अनुसार, बिक्री से प्राप्त होने वाली धनराशि का 25% सरकार को भेजा जाता है और शेष राशि रेजिमेंट की निधि में जमा की जाती है।

इस रक्षा भूमि का सक्रिय इस्तेमाल किया जा रहा है अतः इसे छोड़ने। अंतरित करने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Bank Guarantee for Introducing Products hrough Canteen Store

2954. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale units and technocrats have to furnish 100 per cent bank guarantee for introducing their products through Canteen Stores Department;

(b) what steps proposed to be taken to relax stiff conditions for small scale units; and

(c) the reasons for extra financial hardships levied on SSI units since July, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) All suppliers seeking inroduction of any item (other than contract rum) in the Canteen Stores Department (CSD), for the first time, are required to provide a Bank Guarantee for the full value of the stocks offered, until that product has achieved a certain level of sales performance. Only such suppliers whose products have been in the CSD's inventory for more than five years, and the total sales turn-over in respect of all of whose items supplied to CSD exceeds Rs. 3 crores per annum, are exempted from furnishing the aforesaid Bank Guarantee. The requirement of a Bank Guarantee, with the aforesaid exception, is applicable to all suppliers, irrespective of whether the supplier is a technocrat or a small scale unit.

Ex-servicemen benefiting from one Rank One Pension Scheme

2955. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of ex-servicemen benefited by one rank-one pension decision of Government;

(b) whether Government are reviewing its decision;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government for the welfare of ex-servicemen since 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Government have not accepted the demand of ex-Servicemen for One-Rank One Pension. However, a scheme for One Time Increase on Pension to the Armed Forces pesonnel who retired before 1.1.86 has been sanctined w.e.f. 1-1-92, in pursuance of the unanimous recommendatios of the High Level Empowered Committee which had been set up by Government to examine the demand for One Rank One Pension. The Report of the High Level Empowered Committee had assessed that 6.03 lakh Defence persons would benefit under this scheme.

Government are no reviewing the scheme for grant of One Time Increase (OTI).

Improvements made since 1992 to the available welfare measures inter-alia include :

(i) The daughter's marriage grant to war widows, and also to war disabled ex-Servicemen, has been enhanced from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 4000.

(ii) Matching grant for the cost of construction of house, given by Kendriya Sainik Board, to war widows and war disabled, has been enhanced from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 10000.

(iii) Financial assistance for pur chase of tool kts by ex-Servicemen has been increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2000.

(iv) The widows of ex-Servicemen have been given the option to opt for the Defence or Civil pension, whichever is more beneficial to them.

(v) The AGI Medical Benefit Scheme, operating through Army Group Insurance, has been improved as follows:

(a) The scheme has been extended from 15 years or 70 years of age to life time coverage.

(b) The existing cover of Rs. 1 lakh for both members and spouse combined has been liberalised, to provide cover upto a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh each for member and spouse, for the entire period of membership, which is not transferrable from one to another.

(c) The Army service pensioners who retired after 1.1.76 have been made eligible to join this Scheme on a voluntary basis, upto 30th June 93.

(d) The Scheme has been extended to widows of members in receipt of family pension.

Crashing of IAF Aircrafts

2956. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF aircraft crashed in the last three years yearwise;

(b) the corresponding loss of expenditure; and

(c) the reasons for such frequent crashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a)	1989-90 . .	31 aircraft
	1990-91 . .	23 aircraft
	1991-92 . .	32 aircraft
(b)	1989-90 . .	Rs. 136.98 crores
	1990-91 . .	Rs. 117.43 crores
	1991-92 . .	Rs. 116.29 crores

(c) the accidents were caused due to human error (aircrew), technical defects, bird strike natural and opertional risks, etc.